

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner all pending claims of the present Application are shown below whether an amendment has been made or not.

1. **(Previously Presented)** A method for providing a virtual telephony intermediary between a first telephony device and a second telephony device, comprising:
 associating a first logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary with the first telephony device;
 associating a second logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary with the second telephony device;
 receiving telecommunication data in a payload section of a packet sent from a first telephony device at the second logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary;
 manipulating the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device;
 modifying source address information associated with telecommunication data received at the second logical port from the first telephony device to specify the first logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary; and
 communicating the manipulated telecommunication data with the modified source address information to the second telephony device.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Cancelled)**

4. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, wherein modifying source address information in the telecommunication data comprises modifying a source IP address and port information in a header of an Internet Protocol (IP) packet.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, wherein associating the first and second logical ports of the virtual telephony intermediary with the first and second telephony devices comprises associating a User Datagram Protocol (UDP) logical port with each telephony device to enable the streaming of IP packets to each telephony device.

6. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein manipulating the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device comprises duplicating the telecommunication data.

7. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein manipulating the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device comprises converting the telecommunication data from a first data format compatible with the first telephony device to a second data format compatible with the second telephony device.

8. **(Cancelled)**

9. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein manipulating the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device comprises replacing the telecommunication data with substitute telecommunication data.

10. **(Previously Presented)** A virtual telephony intermediary, comprising:
a first logical port associated with a first telephony device;
a second logical port associated with a second telephony device;
a data manipulation module operable to manipulate telecommunication data in a payload section of a packet received from the first telephony device at the second logical port;
a transmission module operable to communicate the manipulated telecommunication data to the second telephony device; and
an address translation module operable to modify source address information associated with the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device to specify the first logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary.

11. **(Original)** The virtual telephony intermediary of Claim 10, wherein the first and second logical ports are User Datagram Protocol (UDP) logical ports.

12. **(Cancelled)**

13. **(Previously Presented)** The virtual telephony intermediary of Claim 10, wherein the address translation module is further operable to modify a source IP address and port information in a header of an IP packet.

14. **(Original)** The virtual telephony intermediary of Claim 10, wherein the data manipulation module is operable to duplicate the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device.

15. **(Original)** The virtual telephony intermediary of Claim 10, wherein the data manipulation module is operable to convert the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device from a first data format compatible with the first telephony device to a second data format compatible with the second telephony device.

16. **(Original)** The virtual telephony intermediary of Claim 15, wherein the first and second data formats are audio encoding formats.

17. **(Original)** The virtual telephony intermediary of Claim 10, wherein the data manipulation module is operable to replace the telecommunication data with substitute telecommunication data.

18. **(Previously Presented)** A communication network, comprising:
a first telephony device;
a second telephony device; and
a virtual telephony intermediary logically inserted between the first and second telephony devices, the virtual telephony intermediary including:
a first logical port associated with the first telephony device;
a second logical port associated with the second telephony device;
a data manipulation module operable to manipulate telecommunication data in a payload section of a packet received from the first telephony device at the second logical port;
a transmission module operable to communicate the manipulated telecommunication data to the second telephony device; and
an address modification module operable to modify source address information in the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device to specify the first logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary.

19. **(Cancelled)**

20. **(Original)** The communication network of Claim 18, further comprising a call manager operable to:
generate the virtual telephony intermediary; and
establish a communication link between the first telephony device and the second telephony device using the virtual telephony intermediary.

21. **(Previously Presented)** Virtual telephony intermediary software embodied in a computer-readable medium and operable to perform the following steps:

associating a first logical port of a virtual telephony intermediary with a first telephony device;

associating a second logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary with a second telephony device;

receiving telecommunication data in a payload section of a packet sent from the first telephony device at the second logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary;

manipulating the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device;

modifying source address information associated with telecommunication data received at the second logical port from the first telephony device to specify the first logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary; and

communicating the manipulated telecommunication data with the modified source address information to the second telephony device.

22. **(Cancelled)**

23. **(Cancelled)**

24. **(Previously Presented)** The virtual telephony intermediary software of Claim 21, wherein modifying source address information in the telecommunication data comprises modifying a source IP address and port information in a header of an Internet Protocol (IP) packet.

25. **(Previously Presented)** The virtual telephony intermediary software of Claim 21, wherein associating the first and second logical ports of the virtual telephony intermediary with the first and second telephony devices comprises associating a User Datagram Protocol (UDP) logical port with each telephony device to enable the streaming of IP packets to each telephony device.

26. **(Original)** The virtual telephony intermediary software of Claim 21, wherein manipulating the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device comprises duplicating the telecommunication data.

27. **(Original)** The virtual telephony intermediary software of Claim 21, wherein manipulating the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device comprises converting the telecommunication data from a first data format compatible with the first telephony device to a second data format compatible with the second telephony device.

28. **(Original)** The virtual telephony intermediary software of Claim 27, wherein the first and second data formats are audio encoding formats.

29. **(Original)** The virtual telephony intermediary software of Claim 21, wherein manipulating the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device comprises replacing the telecommunication data with substitute telecommunication data.

30. **(Currently Amended)** A method for providing a virtual telephony intermediary between a first telephony device and a second telephony device, comprising:

associating a first logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary with the first telephony device;

associating a second logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary with the second telephony device;

receiving telecommunication data in a payload section of a packet sent from a first telephony device at the second logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary;

manipulating the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device, wherein manipulating the telecommunication data comprises at least one of:

(i) converting the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device from a first audio encoding format compatible with the first telephony device to a second audio encoding format compatible with the second telephony ~~device~~; device,

(ii) converting the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device from a first data compression format compatible with the first telephony device to a second data compression format compatible with the second telephony ~~device~~; device, or

(iii) converting the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device from a first signaling protocol compatible with the first telephony device to a second signaling protocol compatible with the second telephony device;

modifying source address information associated with telecommunication data received at the second logical port from the first telephony device to specify the first logical port of the virtual telephony intermediary; and

communicating the manipulated telecommunication data with the modified source address information to the second telephony device.

31. (New) The communication network of Claim 18, wherein the data manipulation module of the virtual telephony intermediary is operable to duplicate the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device.

32. (New) The communication network of Claim 18, wherein the data manipulation module of the virtual telephony intermediary is operable to convert the telecommunication data received from the first telephony device from a first data format compatible with the first telephony device to a second data format compatible with the second telephony device.

33. (New) The communication network of Claim 32, wherein the first and second data formats are audio encoding formats.

34. (New) The communication network of Claim 18, wherein the data manipulation module of the virtual telephony intermediary is operable to replace the telecommunication data with substitute telecommunication data.